

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/857,552

Applicant(s)

BURG ET AL.

Examiner

Monica A Fontaine

Art Unit

1732

All Participants:(1) Monica A Fontaine.(2) Heather Barnes.**Status of Application:** _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 2 November 2004**Time:** _____**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

n/a

Claims discussed:

9 and 10

Prior art documents discussed:

McKevley et al. (US 4173445)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner called Ms. Barnes in an effort to speed prosecution by proposing an examiner's amendment. The prior art document McKevley et al., found by the examiner while she was searching the claims (amended in paper filed 24 August 2004), would be eliminated as prior art if the subject matter of claim 10, specifically "prevent[ing] expansion of volatiles", was incorporated into the independent claim 9. (McKevley et al. allows expansion of volatiles, while the applicant's invention prevents such an event.) Ms. Barnes reviewed the document and gave permission for the subject matter of claim 10 to be incorporated into claim 9 by examiner's amendment. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, the examiner will make such an amendment, as well as correct the claim dependencies of claims 5 and 11. Claim 11 will become dependent upon Claim 9, and Claim 5 will also become dependent upon Claim 9..